Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 31 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 01 Jan 2024

Forecast Issued on Sunday 31 Dec 2023 at 02:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Mostly high for New Years Eve and New Years Day, but low for cloud amounts. Low for details from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 31 Dec 2023: Mostly cloudy with showers, driest in the north. Strong winds easing later.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 31 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	20%	20%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Sunday 31 Dec 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers, falling as snow above 800-900m near the coast, 600m in the east. Driest with a chance of brighter spells across Lochaber where only a few showers are likely. The evening and overnight will turn mainly dry with a lifting of the cloud, perhaps a few brief clear spells. Strong winds early on, easing later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the north, 20% in the south

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility often good across northern Lochaber with patchy cloud. Generally poor visibility in the south of the area with cloud likely to be more persistent here. Variable cloud bases, mostly between.700 and 1000m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/45 SE	28/35 E	24/29 SE	14/18 E	8/11 E	7/8 SE	7/9 SE
900	28/36 SE	20/26 SE	20/25 SE	15/20 E	7/10 SE	5/7 S	5/7 SW
600	30/35 SE	21/25 E	16/20 SE	10/13 SE	7/10 E	5/7 N	6/8 SE
300	16/27 SE	10/17 E	6/10 NE	5/7 E	4/7 NE	3/4 E	4/6 SE
Glen	11/20 E	9/17 E	5/13 NE	6/14 NE	3/7 NE	2/5 N	2/5 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-10	-2/-8	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-7
900	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-7	-4/-7	-2/-5	-3/-6
600	4/-3	3/-3	3/-2	2/-1	1/-2	1/-1	1/-2
300	4/-1	3/-0	4/1	3/1	2/0	2/1	2/0
Glen	5/2	5/2	4/2	4/2	2/-0	2/0	2/1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note strong winds in the morning giving a bitterly cold feel. Note freezing level nearer 1000m across Arran.

Forecast for Monday 01 Jan 2024
Weather: Cloudy with showers, most frequent near the coast. These falling as snow above 600-700m. Showers may merge to longer spells of rain and snow in the afternoon. But turning increasingly dry in the evening and start of the night.

Maximum wind: South 10 mph increasing to 15 gusting 20-25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility in low cloud and frequent showers. Cloud bases around 500m, occasionally lower in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius dropping to minus 2 Celsius in the evening.
Freezing level: 800-900m, 500m late evening.

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